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MEMORANDUM FOR : Deputy for Operations
Office of Special Activities

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SUBJECT : Additional Survival Weapon for [redacted]

REFERENCES : A. Memo for D/O/OSA, IDEA-0297-67,
dated 18 April 67B. Memo for Life Support Section,
[redacted] IDEA-0332-67, dated
27 April 67

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1. The [redacted] Life Support section was visited by the undersigned on 22 May 1967 and the subject of the [redacted] additional survival weapon was discussed. Reference A indicated that [redacted] felt the most ideal location for such a weapon was on the flying boot. This information was based on utilizing a much smaller weapon than that selected by INTEL/O/OSA. Reference B requested that [redacted] life support evaluate locations for such a weapon. The following represents their evaluation and recommendations, with which the undersigned concurs.

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2. The weapon selected is too large to be safely and comfortably located on the pilot's boot, coverall or pressure suit. [redacted] stated that the [redacted] pilots had a much smaller weapon in mind when their original request was made to headquarters. This information was obtained while [redacted]

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[redacted] was TDY at [redacted] last fall. The weapon desired is a Colt 25 caliber automatic which is approximately one-half the size of the Walther automatic proposed. The Colt or a similar sized automatic can easily be located in a pocket sewn to the flying boot and will not interfere with mobility or controls. [redacted] life support will, as time permits, produce a holster and recommend a location for both the Colt and the Walther automatics. However, their recommendation will be to select the smaller weapon.

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3. If a Colt 25 caliber or similarly sized weapon can be provided, it is recommended that [redacted] develop the

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prototype holster to accompany the weapon and both be forwarded to [] for their evaluation. If [] evaluation is favorable, holsters can be locally fabricated and headquarters can provide the appropriate number of weapons.

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